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SUBJ: WESTERN NATIONS CONTACT GROUP ARRIVES IN LUSAKA FOR MEETINGS

THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FIVE WESTERN NATIONS OF THE
SECURITY COUNCIL ARRIVED HERE TODAY TO BRIEF ZAMBIAN PRESIDENT KAUNDA
ON THE PROGRESS OF THEIR EFFORTS IN TRYING TO REACH AN INTERNATIONALLY

ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION TO THE NAMIBIAN PROBLEM.

THE "CONTACT GROUP" FLEW IN FROM BOTSWANA WHERE THEY MET WITH
AND BRIEFED THAT COUNTRY'S LEADER, SIR SERETSE KHAMA.

AMBASSADOR DONALD MCHENRY, US DEPUTY CHIEF REPRESENTATIVE TO
THE UNITED NATIONS AND SPOKESMAN FOR THE GROUP, TOLD REPORTERS ON
ARRIVAL HERE THAT THE GROUP ALSO HOPED TO MEET WITH SWAPO PRESIDENT
SAM NUJOMA AND OTHER SWAPO OFFICIALS WHILE HERE.

HE DECLINED TO GO INTO DETAILS OF THE DISCUSSIONS APART FROM
SAYING

THAT SO FAR THE DISCUSSIONS HAVE BEEN "FRUITFUL".

HE TOLD REPORTERS: "WE HAVE TRIED TO KEEP THE GOVERNMENT OF
ZAMBIA INFORMED OF OUR WORK AND OUR EFFORTS IN TRYING TO COME WITH
A PEACEFUL AND INTERNATIONALLY ACCEPTABLE SETTLEMENT TO THE NAMIBIAN

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QUESTION."

"WE'VE HAD VERY USEFUL DISCUSSIONS UP TO THIS POINT AND WE HOPE
DURING OUR STAY HERE, TO MEET WITH ZAMBIAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS
TO EXPLORE FURTHER SOME OF THE ISSUES INVOLVED IN AN AGREED
SETTLEMENT OF THE NAMIBIAN QUESTION."

ASKED ABOUT REPORTS THAT MR. NUJOMA HAS BRANDED THE CONTACT
GROUP AS A "RESCUE OPERATION" OF SOUTH AFRICA, AMBASSADOR MCHENRY

REPLIED THAT THE GROUP HAS HAD "VERY USEFUL" DISCUSSIONS WITH THE
SWAPO LEADER AND MORE SUCH DISCUSSIONS WERE EXPECTED.
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